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Advertising vs. Truth

Popular polls of public opinion are usually maneuvered so that their findings support the political and economic status quo. But even large business interests sometimes want the real truth and conduct their own semi-private polls not meant to reach the public. The findings of such special research have frequently been reported in **Between The Lines.** One such important survey was recently made by some large business interests to find the average person's attitude toward business advertising and corporation publicity. The findings were very disquieting to the sponsors, for as reported in "Business Week" the public doesn't have much faith in advertising or in corporation publicity. The survey reported:

More than two-thirds of those who responded consider testimonials in advertising a 'racket' . . . 43 per cent favor more governmental control of advertising . . . 34 per cent think at least a half of all advertising is misleading . . . 67 per cent favor government legislation to require honest labelling of consumer goods.

Still another poll, reported also in "Business Week," stated: only 41 per cent of the public believe that most corporations tell the truth about their profits . . . 45 per cent think that companies actually make more money than they report . . . even 40 per cent of the upper-income group questioned believe that corporations do not give the facts about their profits, while 72 per cent of the lower-income group questioned do not trust corporation financial statements. Many suspect businesses of "hidden profits" and still more feel that business "makes too much" and "charges too high prices."

Labeling Furs

Did you know also that there is a big racket in furs in the U. S. clothing business? To combat misleading claims, a bill has recently been introduced in the Senate that calls for the identification of furs in a manner similar to that of the Wool Labeling Act. Sponsored by Senators Johnson of Colorado and McCarthy of Wisconsin, the pro-

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THE COST OF HATE. When the war closed, hatred against Germany and Japan was rampant. The Potsdam agreement, based upon the Morgenthau plan to strip the people of our enemy countries, was the exciting news of the day. Now we recognize both the Morgenthau plan and the Potsdam agreement as the height of stupidity. We are discovering that we will even impoverish ourselves unless we restore defeated peoples to useful constructive living. We are learning the hard way that *hate is more costly to the hater than to the hated.* Perhaps we will some day go a little further and discover at last that what Jesus taught was true,—that love is the most profitable doctrine of all.

X-Ray and Forecast

BE YOUR OWN PROPHET. For many years business and wealth had the whip hand over the worker. Then gradually through organization the worker gained an upper hand over our economy. For the past fifteen years the labor leader increasingly made the decisions that governed our economic society. But too many labor leaders lost their sense of perspective and their restraint, and slowly reaction built up against them.

Now the pendulum has turned again and once more business and wealth have the upper hand. The big question upon which the economic future of our country rests is—*will the financial and industrial leaders now in control use good will and restraint or will arrogance, bitterness and selfishness dominate their decision?*

The reality of this danger is apparent in the record of the past few months. The spokesmen for large business interests campaigned to throw off all control of price and production. "Give us the reins and we will pour out the goods at just and fair prices." But they couldn't control their own forces. The selfish grab for profit has already far exceeded any excess wage demands that could be charged against labor. In many instances wages had been pushed too far, but the responsibility for the present inflation rests with great weight upon the shoulders of the large business interests.

Now these same great financial and industrial powers are in complete control of our economy . . . *will they use their power to increase their profits by holding prices high while wages are quietly pushed down?*

If they are that blind and selfish, it will only be a few months—or a few years at most—until the purchasing power of the common people (which is the source of all our prosperity) will have been dried up. Unemployment, hunger and bitterness will increase, and we will see the biggest economic blow-up this nation has ever experienced. Such a period would without doubt engulf us in some form of socialism. If that happens, capitalism will not have been killed by socialism or communism. Capitalism will have killed itself.

On the other hand, if a new sense of moral and spiritual responsibility can prevail in the hearts and minds of the few enormously wealthy men who now have this nation in their hands again, this country can not only continue to create for itself the highest standard of living ever known to man, but we can lead the whole world into a new era of abundance and good will. We could then roll the tides of

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Conscription Cost

The cost of military conscription in the U. S. would be tremendous,—even in a very modified form. It will cost at least three billion dollars every year. Mr. Donald DuShane, speaking for the National Education Association has testified that, with the same amount of money, it would be possible to build a 10-room school, a $50,000 library, and a $150,000 hospital **in every county of the U. S. every year!** Then, in addition, to pay for the employment, **in every county,** of 10 full-time public health doctors, and 10 nurses. Also, **in every county, every year,** to run a psychiatric clinic; to buy 10 new school buses; to hire 10 juvenile recreational workers and the staff of a junior high school. Further, to pay for a three-year postgraduate course for 10,000 selected students and scientists **every year;** to pay the tuition of 900,000 boys at college or technical school; and to erect a $750,000 technical school, **every year,** in every Congressional district. And there still would be left over **$15,300,000 annually!**

Another angle,—if some of these millions were spent in promoting economic justice and real democracy in the world (especially in those areas where tensions are greatest between th U. S. and Russia),—we would soon erase the fears that cause war and promote armaments. Then we wouldn't need conscription!

Christian Labor Peace

In the midsts of all the labor-industrial conflict, we do not hear enough about the factories where there are no conflicts, where workers and employers operate on a basis of Christian sharing. There is, for instance, the Proctor & Gamble Soap Co. of Cincinnati, whose profit-sharing plan has eliminated expensive, disgruntled employee turnover. It is interesting to note that P & G employees have never been persuaded or found it necessary to join unions, though management has left them wholly free to do so.

Then there is a great Chicago firm which has allocated as much money to personnel research as to industrial research for the next

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posed legislation will require specific and truthful identification of fur garments by label for consumer protection. The consumer of course should be entitled to exact information about the fur in a garment purchased, and this measure proposes to give that protection. It is a well-known fact that cheap inexpensive furs (rabbit, etc.) are put through secret processes that make them look like expensive, more durable pelts,—except that they still wear out quickly! This bill will be fought and maybe killed by some of the so-called representatives of the people in Congress,—who more consistently represent powerful forces behind the scenes.

Protecting the Public

The representatives of commercial interests in Congress are constantly fighting every effort of the government to control the plundering of the American public by patent medicine and drug manufacturers. There is steady pressure on in Congress to cut down appropriations for the Federal Trade Commission and the Federal Pure Food and Drug Administration whose job it is to protect the public. Yet here are some of the recent activities of these Government agencies:

Shipments of various types of Pillsbury flour were condemned because they contained such filth as insect fragments, beetles, rodent pellets, weevils and rodent hairs . . . Swift and Company were fined for shipping adulterated butter . . . a shipment of adulterated raisins by H. J. Heinz Co. was destroyed . . . Harold H. Clapp, Inc. (makers of baby food) was fined for short-weight cans of strained peas . . . the Borden Cheese Company was charged with misbranding 622 cases of cocktail spreads.

The FDA has often stopped the vicious and misleading advertising claims of the manufacturers of popular bromide products such as Bromo Seltzer and other headache remedies. A prominent specialist, Dr. Max Levin, recently also charged that the widespread use of popularly advertised bromide medicines was causing much mental illness in America. As reported in the N. Y. Times, Dr. Levin said bromides cause four kinds of "psychosis" and the symptoms ranging from sluggishness, forgetfulness and irritability to tremors, unsteady gait, thickness of speech, delusions and hallucinations. Then, according to Dr. Levin, to remedy the symptoms, the victim often takes more bromide and so on in a "vicious cycle," and may end up a physical wreck or in an "insane asylum."

A Point of Morals

A colonel, arrested for smuggling $210,000 worth of diamonds out of Japan, told reporters that he considered the gems "legitimate souvenirs."

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revolutionary tyranny all the way back to Moscow. But this can only happen if the men of wealth have the judgment and good sense to scale down their profits and spread their wealth as real Christian capitalism must do if it is to remain Christian, and if it is to survive.

It won't be hard during the coming months for any thoughtful Christian layman to discern these developments as they appear and thus measure the future with telling accuracy.

BOOM-BUST? Of course it will now be absolutely essential to the conservative forces in power that the present boom be carried over beyond 1948 and safely through the election months. The conservatives must continue to hold the banner of prosperity which they seized from the New Dealers at the end of the war when bureaucracy and political fumbling in the moribund New Deal hierarchy presented such an unusual opportunity. So it is a pretty sure thing that the present prosperity will ride on through 1948. It's 18 months from now—the spring of 1949—that economists are pointing to as the time the really crucial era will begin.

POLITICS. From now on look at everything in Washington in terms of the 1948 elections! For instance, although Congressional sessions will be nearly over by the time you read this, here's the expected resume: Neither House will pass the health bill or education bill because the Republicans want to save them for a campaign year. There won't be a new tax bill this year either. And in spite of the big publicity campaign for universal military training, it has small chance of being passed. Bills on fair employment practices, anti-lynching and poll-tax may get through the House, but they'll die in the Senate as usual. Housing and minimum wage bills will also be saved for next year to be used as campaign material. Congressman will talk about all these bills to impress the common folks back home who want something done about these problems,—then too many Congressmen will do nothing about them—to please the bosses who oppose such reforms.

SALES TAX. One of the big battles likely to appear in the fall Congress will be over a proposed system of national sales tax. Such a plan of tax is a method by which the representatives of large business interests in Congress hope to shift the burden of tax from the wealthy to the low income masses. If the sales tax can be put over, the Administration's opposition to tax cuts on the grounds of the needs of the national budget will be check-mated. But such a maneuver on the part of the Republican conservatives will play right into the hands of President Truman as he lays his lines to campaign in 1948 as "the champion of the little people."

DIVIDED WORLD. As the world seeks peace out of its present wide divisions, chiefly represented in dominated areas and the American controlled spheres,—here are some of the developments that are not being made clear to the American people:

Many nations in Europe—even those in Western Europe such as France and Italy—do not want to come under Soviet domination. But they also *do not want* to be drawn under U.S. control, as in the case of Greece and Turkey. They know that they would then be subject to Russian pressure and it would mean a prolonged impoverished and unsettled Europe. All the American people hear is how these nations want American money. *But what these nations are really saying is "help us all you can,—keep our babies from dying while we get on our feet but OTHERWISE LEAVE US ALONE.* We will take care of ourselves." They are resisting our present efforts to form an anti-communist coalition as strongly as they are resisting a pro-Soviet coalition.

America was instrumental in calling a great economic conference in Geneva as an aid in restoring world trade. But that conference bogged down when its decisions began to collide with American protective tariffs. Wool became the test case. American wool has long had tariff protection from the cheaper priced foreign wools. If we keep tariffs up to protect American wool,—then American lumber, meat, cotton and other interests will make the same demands. That will admittedly wreck any hope of an immediate revival of free-flowing world trade. Yet warnings are reaching Washington from every corner of the earth that unless the American markets are opened to

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ten years. Think of it,—a vast fortune, dedicated to finding ways of making employees happier!

Remember, also, the workers of General Motors who are about to strike over demands that were voluntarily and peacefully granted to Studebaker workers ten or more years ago . . . bonus and profit-sharing systems and delegated representatives of the workers to sit in and share responsibility with management. Many corporations have long ago voluntarily given these privileges to their workers and found it paid large dividends in contented and productive workers.

But when such ideas are suggested to many of our leaders and financial figures today, they start to shout communism!

Smear Campaign

One of the most unjust things in American life today is the way our press and radio smear men who do not follow the doctrines of our large business interests. A recent case in hand is that of Wilson Wyatt, former chief of the Federal Housing Administration. Mr. Wyatt is an eminent citizen, former efficient and popular mayor of Louisville, Ky., and altogether an able, energetic business man and a progressive capitalist. When he was asked to head up the Government post-war housing program, he brought to the job a working faith in capitalism, experience in public service and an eagerness to serve the nation.

But because he did not fall in line with the plans of the great real estate, construction and mortgage corporations, a campaign was started to wreck Wyatt's program and smear the man into political uselessness. He was made to appear in thousands of American papers and radio programs as a stumbling bureaucrat and a left-winger,—both detestable falsehoods. The Government housing program was smashed, and we were then supposed to have a wonderful building boom with houses for all because the real estate monopolies, construction and mortgage corporations were taking over. But instead, with controls lifted, construction costs—both for materials and labor—went much higher,—and any honest real estate operator or banker admits that the situaion has become much worse—instead of better.

Before the real estate lobby wrecked Wyatt's program, he had started a million housing units in 1946. While in 1947 (without controls "to remove incentive for business") there will only be a half million units started . . . Wyatt's program would have started 1,700,000 units in 1947 . . . the public loses over a million homes in the shift to private "incentive."

Privately financed non-rural new housing projects in March 1947 dropped 20 per cent below those of March 1946. While in April 1947 privately financed non-rural new

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Uncovered

Special FBI investigators sent to Japan have uncovered the fact that some American Army officers, serving with the occupational forces, have been using their Army connections to build and enlarge business deals for corporations at home. These officers had wormed their way into divisions of Allied Headquarters handling foreign trade and various industrial and textile matters, and through their special access to Japanese concerns they made many lucrative connections.

It's almost certain that a ruling will soon prohibit any official connected with the occupation from engaging in commerce in Japan within six months or a year after his discharge.

Alcohol and War

The number of adult American drinkers increased during the war years about 35 per cent, according to estimates reported in the current Quarterly Journal of Studies on Alcohol. This report was written by Dr. E. M. Jellinek of Yale, who puts the estimated number of consumers of alcohol in the U.S. in 1945 at 58,250,000 as compared with 42,900,000 in 1940. During this same period the per capita consumption of alcohol rose from 3.54 gallons of absolute alcohol (the actual amount of alcohol in distilled spirits, wine and beer) to 3.70 gallons, an increase of 4.5 per cent.

One can hate the liquor business, if for no other reason, because they used the years of war to put on the greatest campaign to increase their business in the history of alcohol. While young men died, they waxed fat.

New Weapon

The international military and diplomatic world is seething with rumors concerning the new secret weapon recently developed by British and American scientists on obscure Pacific islands. All that's definitely known is that it's not atomic and not biological, and though development started during the war it wasn't finished till after hostilities were ended. Some are calling it the "electric bomb," others the "cosmic bomb" and still others the "death ray cloud" Take your choice!

The next big speed-up in the arms race will be rockets and guided missiles. These remote control weapons are more accurate and powerful and far deadlier than when the war ended. Russia, Britain and the U.S. are all busy on research in push-button warfare for attack as well as defense. A probability for the near future are rockets that can cross an ocean and hit in any designated city.

Reversal

The Nuremberg tribunal, operating under the pressure of allied industrial interests in Germany and Europe, freed Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, Hitler's financial aide. But when Dr. S. got into the hands of the German courts he

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THE ANSWER

During the days when tyrants were shouting that Christianity was the religion of weaklings, there were many cynics within the democratic world who smugly nodded their heads in assent. But today the world has the answer to that blind unfounded charge. Out of the years of destruction and oppression, the Christian religion and its followers have risen to new heights of achievement and courage. The tyrants could control schools, press, banks and industry, but they couldn't control the churches. All over Europe today the Christian forces are experiencing a mighty resurgence of power and influence. The United Nations leaders realize this and are definitely planning the restoration of Europe upon these proved foundations. For centuries to come the cynics have their answer.

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what other nations have to sell—nations now borrowing from us—these same nations will quickly collapse as their credit dries up,—credit they are unable to renew by exportation to the American controlled markets.

In the meantime, Russia, under severe dictator controls and free of the profit-requirements of capitalism, is enlargening and deepening the channels of barter and trade with Soviet controlled currency as the medium of book-keeping. It's a simple process. Russia takes what the Soviet needs and ships back what the Soviet has to spare that the other nation needs. Tariffs, profit margins, interest rates . . . none of those things exist in that system to complicate or slow down the process. This gives us a quick preview of the economic divisions in our world that will extend through the coming years . . . *unless we are willing to make compromises that will in turn promote Soviet compromises* . . . a system of dealing that so far has not seemed to occur to the diplomats.

New crises are brewing in Italy and France. Many predict new Communist victories, others say some new forms of fascism will arise. The latter is more likely. Many countries are now in much the same condition that produced Adolf Hitler. "If the American occupational forces should be withdrawn, little and big Hitlers would spring up all over the place," reported an American observer.

FUTURE BRITISH EMPIRE. The Labor Government of Britain has achieved the impossible. With the press of America largely prejudiced against them, the Laborites have only slowly begun to impress the American people with the fact that the socialist Government in England has achieved in 18 months what the Tories failed to do over many many years . . . solve the problem of India and Burma independence without destroying the empire. But the people of America are not yet being told how this miracle is being accomplished. The

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was sentenced to eight years in prison! The same thing happened to Franz von Papen, notorious Hitler diplomatic wizard whose ties to the Vatican (he is a papal count) also brought him an acquital,—but who is now already serving his eight year sentence inflicted upon him by a German people's court. The problem does not seem so much how to de-nazify the Germans as how to de-louse the allies of their subservience to undemocratic pressures.

Priest Executed

On April 16th a prominent Roman Catholic priest, Father Tiso, was hanged by the Government of Czechoslovakia for war-time cooperation with the nazis when they took over the Slavonic republic. Few reports on this appeared in the American press.

Why Veto

Briefly, here's why the President has opposed the Congressional income tax bill. It was heavily weighted in favor of the rich minority. For instance, if you have an income of $300,000, you would have saved $37,430 per year under this bill. But if you are one of the 26 million taxpayers with an income of less than $2,000 you would only have saved $37.52 under this bill. Or in percentages,—millionaires would have paid only 8.8 percent more tax than in 1939, while those with $3,000 incomes would have paid 3,700 per cent more than in 1939. President Truman knows that 70.3 per cent of the people have incomes under $3,000 (Federal Reserve Board figures), and he is keeping his eye on '48.

Smear Campaign

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housing dropped 33 1/3 per cent below that of April 1946. These reports from Department of Labor statistics also reveal how building material costs have soared since controls were lifted,—the wholesale level now being about 25 per cent higher,—with lumber up from 30 to 50 per cent and paint up in some instances as much as 50 to 80 per cent. Housing plans all over the country are being abandoned because of fabulous cost increases.

The real estate and building lobbies shout that labor is to blame,—"Look at wages" they cry. But the hard fact is that while wages have gone up,—and greed in labor ranks is made up of the same stuff as greed in big business,—yet wages have only gone up from 5 to 20 per cent, while material costs have zoomed from 40 to 80 per cent!

As a footnote to the above, it is known that the National Association of Real Estate Boards assessed its 36,500 members $5 apiece to finance its fight against even the mild Wagner - Taft - Ellender Bill establishing a long-range housing program,—and anything Senator Taft sponsors can't be called "radical."

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Another victim of smearing is Chester Bowles, formerly head of the OPA. Mr. B. made some mistakes, as they also made mistakes in Wall St.,—but the campaign to smear Bowles pictures the Government administrator as a dangerous left-wing visionary,—another malicious misrepresentation. Instead, Mr. Bowles is a successful capitalist, a business man who retired a millionaire while yet young and sought to turn his talents to better government and promoting a better social order. But the ideas he believed in threatened the men who control the price structure and profits of much of American industry,—so Bowles became marked for political death.

In Russia they send those who obstruct the Communist policies into Siberian labor camps. Here we smear their characters and challenge their sincerity and send them into political exile. The spirit and the results are very much the same.

Dollars in Greece

The pressure on the press and radio to support the new Truman foreign policy and to suppress any news contrary to that policy has been so great that few editors have chosen to buck it. But the wall of pressure and propaganda is beginning to crack. The N. Y. Herald Tribune, which has appeared to be a powerful supporter of the Truman policy, recently had the courage to feature the following report from its correspondent in Greece:

"It is high time that policy-makers in Washington realize that the 'Greek situation' cannot even be placed on the path to solution simply by a meaningless anti-Communist policy . . . Every (reactionary) step undertaken by the Government (in Greece) is explained away as having Washington sanction . . . Proposals to suppress the opposition as traitorous are sanctified as following the example of the U. S."

When the writer refers above to the suppression of the "opposition," he is not referring to the Communists alone, but to the fact that the royalists now in power, and now being supported by American dollars, have been suppressing, imprisoning and even killing, not only Communists, but all others who dare oppose the aristocratic - feudal - fascist clique that surround the present king. The news men who return from Europe are saying a lot of things along this line,—but as a rule only their comments favorable to our Greece-Turkey program reach the public. We have heard a lot out of Washington about how our dollars will push back the Communists but very little about how our dollars will be used also to push back the corrupt feudalism that makes communism inevitable. If you think we over-emphasize this factor, read the article in Collier's of June 21st on "Fat Heads of Europe."

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Tory plan was to save the empire by developing a "Commonwealth of Nations" with London financial houses operating and guiding the changes and with all roads of the Commonwealth leading to the banks of London. The impoverishment of the war and the rapidly rising spirit of nationalism on the part of subject peoples brought this plan to a dismal collapse at the end of the war.

The Laborites' conception of the new empire is "A Commonwealth of Socialist States," (a term they are hardly daring to use openly as yet),—the financing to be done JOINTLY by the former colonies with all capital within the state-group and with all urged to participate freely . . . with self-governing bodies and industrial controls centering *equally* in each area and only coordinated through the London arteries of financial and political interests. *Instead of having the London arteries manipulated strictly by Englishmen for the profit of British investments, after the Tory pattern, the Laborites look forward to having a large and convincing percentage of "nationals" or "native" officials installed in high places in London just as English experts will be installed to assist in the former colonial areas so that the Commonwealth will be in reality a free and equal society.* This is a new and daring conception. All roads will not lead to London,—but all roads will lead equally and profitably to all parts of the Commonwealth that are willing to share and participate in the experiment.

Little of this is being reported in the American press,—very little of it is being spoken of openly even in London,—but it is the plan that is shaping up behind the scenes, and it is the scheme that is being earnestly and hastily "sold" now to the restive peoples of India and Burma and their leaders. It is a plan that gloriously fulfills the evolution of the best elements of the British Empire tradition and offers the present generation of Englishmen an unexcelled opportunity to serve their nation's great history. Such an achievement will be many years in the making. If, due to lack of cooperation on the part of powerful London financial interests which the Laborites have yet to contend with, the effort should fail, the empire will collapse into a welter of confusion, poverty and regional wars. If it succeeds, it will sternly prod forward the American way of life where we have made a sham of democracy for large groups of our people who, because of color or poverty, can never hope to be more than second class citizens.

THE CATHOLICS AND FRANCO. A most important document on Spain and the Vatican has been presented to the American public in the new book *Report from Spain* by Emmet John Hughes (Holt $3.). This book is of the greatest significance because Mr. Hughes, himself a Roman Catholic, is also the author of *The Church and The Liberal Society* which was a Catholic Book-of-the-Month selection. Yet in Spain he was shocked by the open support which the Catholic Church gave to the worst fascist aspects of Franco's regime, and he reports that he could understand entirely why so many Spaniards could be both devout Catholics and rabid anti-clericals at the same time. According to Mr. Hughes, the Catholic Church in Spain has relinquished its former tradition of dedication to the poor and the dispossessed and now champions money and reaction.

The Franco-Catholic Government uses a propaganda machine of "brazen dishonesty and appalling hypocrisy" and depends on torture, terror, secret arrests and concentration camps for its security. Needless to say, the many Spaniards who oppose Franco walk in constant fear.

But Franco is no dim-wit, as our cartoons might lead us to suppose. He has, according to Mr. Hughes, an "intelligence that is crafty, a sincerity that is fanatic, a tenacity that is ruthless, an integrity that is cruel." He is skillful in working one faction against another, and adroit in measuring and using foreign pressure for his own advantage. When Germany was riding high, Franco cheered loudly,—now he insists that his regime is "an organic democracy" and a "bulwark of Christianity."

It is well to remember in this connection that the Catholic hierarchy of America has continuously praised Franco as a great Christian leader and a champion of "Christian civilization." The world seldom hears of the Catholic laymen,—journalists, diplomats, such as Mr. Hughes,—who have returned from visits to Spain or Latin America embittered by the blindness and unchristian practices of their own hierarchy and priesthood. Such experiences created the anti-clericalism which brought revolutionary changes to France, Mexico and other Catholic countries and may yet shake the whole Catholic world.

Underground

In all the de-nazification of Germany, why have the American people been allowed to hear so little of the brave underground movements among Germans who fought secretly against the nazis? Our government leaders spent millions on the "hate-Germans" campaigns, but nothing to tell the American people the truth about the throngs of Germans who constantly sought to undermine and destroy the nazi rule. IT IS WELL KNOWN TODAY THAT IF OUR POLITICAL AND MILITARY LEADERS HAD BEEN WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH THESE GERMAN UNDERGROUND MOVEMENTS, THE WAR WOULD HAVE ENDED MUCH SOONER AND THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN LIVES WOULD HAVE BEEN SAVED. But the politicians and the brass and braid were having too big a show dashing around over the earth directing their great pageant of blood and destruction .

In our last issue we reported on Allen Welsh Dulles' book **Germany's Underground** (McMillan Co.) in which Mr. D., who was Roosevelt's right hand man in directing American secret intelligence in Europe during the war, brought forth testimony concerning the way the war was dragged out to a long bitter conclusion because we failed to cooperate with the German underground.

Youth Who Dared

There were brave youth organizations eager to serve with us . . . perhaps few of us have heard, for instance, of the Edelweiss movement among German youth during the days of Hitler. While the nazi youth paraded and enjoyed many lavish privileges and honors, the Edelweiss offered only hardship and the certainty of torture in a concentration camp if caught. The Edelweiss served as the liaison between German rebels, circulating democratic pamphlets, spreading news of forbidden foreign broadcasts, aiding fugitives to escape over the borders, providing false credentials and counterfeit ration cards for political refugees and Jews, risking everything for the restoration of Germany's dignity as a nation.

As Eoin McKiernan has said in reporting on the Edelweiss, "I salute these boys, boys who were men before their time. I respect their courage, these German boys who rose in dark and evil days in their own land to vindicate the right. The thought of what they did, unknown and unsung, turns life's waters into wine. Germany is redeemed many times by their sacrifice: their memory is our shame."

Yet, as we have continued the process of de-nazification, these have received no honors, even from our hand, and are still wandering about, starving and all but forgotten in the rubble of Germany. This remnant could be useful again today in rebuilding Germany into a useful and sincere member of the family of nations.